

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 3 were cancelled. New claims 4 through 12 were added and are under consideration. Reconsideration of all claims is respectfully requested. No new matter is added and support for claims 4-12 is specifically submitted by providing the reference to the Specification for each claim as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled).
2. (Cancelled).
3. (Cancelled).
4. (previously submitted A computer-implemented system for assessing risk for financing a select technology enterprise, said system comprising:*[Specification: page 3, lines lines 8-16], Figures 1 & 2*
 - a) a processing unit that is arranged to receive data related to risk categories for financing the select technology enterprise, the technology enterprise selected from the group consisting of biotechnology, internet, information technology, health care, chemical processing, communications, software, nanotechnology, bioinformation and medical devices, and the risk categories including tangible assets, intellectual property, personnel, financial liquidity, current liability or potential liability; and *[Specification:page 6, lines 8-17]*
 - b) an executable software stored on the processing unit and executable on demand, said software being operative with the processing unit to:
gather data related to the risk categories and receive information relating to details of the financing,
structure the information received based on historical data and performance data according to risk categories,
generating scores for individual risk categories, and

calculating a current cumulative risk score referencing the structured information and the gathered data. *[Specification:page 8, lines 1-12]*

5. (New) The system according to claim 4, further including the steps of:
determining when the individual and cumulative scores indicate an acceptable level of financial risk,
causing the financing request to be accepted when the risk score indicates an acceptable risk of financing, and
causing the financing request to be rejected when the risk score indicates an unacceptable level of financing risk. *[Specification:page 8, line 18 to page 9 line 8]*

6. (New) The system according to claim 5, further including:
taking corrective measures for risk scores that are of unacceptable level of financing risk, and
causing the financing request to be accepted when the score indicates an acceptable level of financing risk. *[Specification:page 11, lines 13-17]*

7. (New) A computer program product for assessing risk for financing a select technology enterprise, said product comprising:

a. computer code arranged to receive data related to risk categories for financing the select technology enterprise, the technology enterprise selected from the group consisting of biotechnology, internet, information technology, health care, chemical processing, communications, software, nanotechnology, bioinformation and medical devices, and the risk categories including tangible assets, intellectual property, personnel, financial liquidity, current liability or potential liability;

b. computer code arranged to gather data related to the risk categories and receive information relating to details of the financing;

c. computer code arranged to structure the information received based on historical data and performance data according to risk categories; and

d. computer code arranged to generate scores for individual risk categories, and calculating a current cumulative risk score referencing the structured information and the gathered data. *[Specification:Figures 1-27 and detailed description of these figures]*

8. (New) The computer product according to claim 7 wherein the computer code is arranged to

determine when the individual and cumulative scores indicate an acceptable level of financial risk,

cause the financing request to be accepted when the risk score indicates an acceptable risk of financing, and

cause the financing request to be rejected when the risk score indicates an unacceptable level of financing risk. *[Specification:page 10, line 6 to page 11, line12]*

9. (New) The computer product according to claim 7 wherein the computer code is arranged to:

take corrective measures for risk scores that are of unacceptable level of financing risk, and

cause the financing request to be accepted when the score indicates an acceptable level of financing risk. *[Specification:page 11, lines 13-17]*

10. (New) A computer implemented method for assessing risk for financing a select technology enterprise, said method comprising:

gathering data related to the risk categories and receive information relating to details of the financing,

structuring the information received based on historical data and performance data according to risk categories,

generating scores for individual risk categories, and

calculating a current cumulative risk score referencing the structured information and the gathered data. *[Specification:Figures 1-27 and detailed description of these figures]*

11. (New) The computer implemented method for assessing risk for financing a select technology enterprise according to claim 10, said method additionally comprising:

determining when the individual and cumulative scores indicate an acceptable level of financial risk,

causing the financing request to be accepted when the risk score indicates an acceptable risk of financing, and

causing the financing request to be rejected when the risk score indicates an unacceptable level of financing risk. *[Specification:page 10, line 6 to page 11, line12]*

12. (New) The computer implemented method for assessing risk for financing a select technology enterprise according to claim 11, said method additionally comprising:
taking corrective measures for risk scores that are of unacceptable level of financing risk,
and
causing the financing request to be accepted when the score indicates an acceptable level of financing risk. *[Specification: page 11, lines 13-17]*

In summary, applicant thanks the Examiner to allow this additional time to correct the informalities and apologizes for the delay and inconvenience.

If for any reason, the Examiner should deem this application not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney to resolve any outstanding issues prior to issuing a further Office Action in the interest of moving the prosecution forward efficiently.

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